

Medicare Coverage of Skilled Nursing Facility Care Updates

Please Note: Since the printing of this booklet in May 2000, the following changes have been made:

1. As of January 1, 2003, the Part A deductible for days 21-100 in a skilled nursing facility is \$105 per day. This information appears on Pages 2, 11, and 34.

Also, on page 11 in Payment Example 2, Mrs. Baker would pay up to \$1,050 for SNF care for days 21-30.

2. The information on Page 4 about finding a skilled nursing facility if you belong to a Medicare managed care plan has changed as follows:

If you are in a Medicare Managed Care Plan, you may have to get your SNF care from a SNF that belongs to your plan. Call your plan to see which SNFs belong to your plan.

However, if certain conditions are met, at your request your plan may be able to arrange your SNF care from:

- A nursing home or continuing care retirement community (that gives SNF care) where you lived right before you went to the hospital, or
 - A SNF where your spouse lives when you get out of the hospital.
3. The telephone numbers on pages 31-33 may have changed. To get the most up-to-date phone numbers, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), or look at www.medicare.gov on the web. Select “Helpful Contacts.” TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
 4. This booklet has recently been revised. Changes have been made to the steps to choosing a nursing home, the rights and protections information, and the checklist. The updated version will be available on www.medicare.gov on the web. Select “Publications.”

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